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Central Executive Committee (CEC)
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GROUP TUITION POLICY

The CEC is asked to:-

i) **receive** an update on the policy by Michael Flack, Assistant Director (Programmes) and demonstration of the student sign-up screens on StudentHome

The Group Tuition Policy was approved by Senate in October 2014. The key principles that underpin the policy are:

**Principle 1: Purpose**
All group tuition must have a core purpose which is made clear to students and which should enhance their learning experience.

**Principle 2: Student learning communities**
The University recognises the importance of group tuition to support the formation of learning communities which include the students and their Associate Lecturers (AL) along with other academic and academic-related staff.

**Principle 3: Clusters of Tutor Groups**
Clusters of tutor groups will be formed to enable more diverse and more flexible delivery of cluster-based group tuition within an extended learning community, along with tutor group based group tuition as required.

**Principle 4: Face to face and online learning events**
Face to face and online synchronous learning events (tutorials, day schools, residential schools, workshops) will be offered in such a way as to optimise the student attendance and pedagogic benefit for a diverse student body.

**Principle 5: Online provision**
Each cluster will provide online learning events that address the core purposes of the module tuition strategy (or, where relevant, qualification or wider curriculum), in order to optimise flexibility, even where the core purposes are also provided for at face to face learning events in order to optimise attendance. *Principle 5 does not apply where face to face attendance is an absolute requirement for passing a module or qualification, mainly as required by a professional accreditation body, partnership or particular jurisdiction.*
Principle 6: Student choice
Students will be able to choose flexibly, from the modes of learning events offered for their module, which actual learning events they wish to attend in order to maximise attendance and thus their ability to benefit.

Principle 7: Asynchronous group tuition
Asynchronous group tuition will be offered as per Principle 1, either at the level of the tutor group and/or at the level of the cluster and/or for the whole module, to ensure that all students

Michael Flack, Assistant Director (Programmes), will be in attendance at the meeting to present the features and purposes of the policy and the progress of the implementation so far. He will also be demonstrating the new-look Student Home functionality and taking questions and comments from the CEC.

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